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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington DC 20054

Re: CC Docket 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 7<sup>th</sup> I met with Joel Shifman, Maine PUC Utility Analyst and Joint Board staff member, to discuss issues currently under consideration by the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service. We also discussed various aspects of intercarrier compensation.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

John P. Duda

cc: Honorable Bob Rowe  
Mr. Joel Shifman